

CLAIMS

1. A manufacturing method for a plasma display panel by which electrodes are formed on a surface of a substrate in a first process and a dielectric glass layer is formed on the electrodes in a second process, the second process comprising:
- a grinding step for grinding a dielectric glass material;
- a spheroidizing step for converting each particle of the ground dielectric glass material into a spheroidal form;
- 10 an applying step for applying a mixture of the spheroidal dielectric glass particles and a binder, as a layer, to the surface of the substrate on which the electrodes are formed;
- and
- a firing step for firing the layer to remove the binder from
- 15 the layer, thereby forming a dielectric glass layer.
2. The manufacturing method of Claim 1,
wherein the spheroidizing step is performed by melting the
surface of particles of the ground dielectric glass material. }
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3. The manufacturing method of Claim 2,
wherein the melting is performed by putting the particles
of the ground dielectric glass material into a plasma jet.

4. The manufacturing method of Claim 2,
wherein the melting is performed by exposing the particles
of the ground dielectric glass material to an atmosphere at a
temperature no higher than the softening point of the particles.

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5. The manufacturing method of Claim 1,
wherein the spheroidizing step is performed by having the
particles of the glass material collide with one another in
high-speed gas flows.

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6. The manufacturing method of Claim 1,
wherein the second process further comprises a step of
classifying the glass particles, which is performed between the
spheroidizing step and the applying step, so that a maximum
15 diameter of the spheroidal particles of the dielectric glass
material does not exceed a half thickness of the dielectric
glass layer after the firing step.

7. The manufacturing method of Claim 1,
20 wherein the applying step is performed by placing a
dielectric glass sheet on the surface of the substrate, the
dielectric glass sheet being obtained by mixing the spheroidal
glass particles with a thermoplastic resin.

8. An image display apparatus, comprising:
a plasma display panel manufactured by one of the methods
of Claims 1 to 7; and
a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.

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